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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Price Proposal for Definitive Contract for U-2R
Enclosure 5

1. Dual Tracker camera provisions in special hatches for Delta III configuration, FFD-3 configuration, H configuration and B configuration as outlined in Enclosure 5 are not acceptable. Provisions for a single tracker camera in each of these hatches should be made, using a glass bubble or equivalent for the rotating scanning mirror.
2. The dual tracker installation is not acceptable for the following reasons:
 - a. A single tracker provides horizon to horizon coverage as effectively as two trackers.
 - b. Two trackers mean two rolls of film to process and handle as well as two cameras to install and check out for each mission.
 - c. Establishing the track made good when plotting a photo mission is much more difficult with two rolls of film than with one.
3. The only possible advantage that dual trackers have over a single tracker is that an external bubble is not needed. Since the amount of drag caused by the small bubble is imperceptible, it is felt that a much more satisfactory installation for all hatches would employ a single tracker.
4. It is therefore requested that the contractor be directed to incorporate provisions for a single tracker in all hatches except the basic hatch.



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